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OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

FOR THE

Borough of Barnstaple

FOR THE YEAR 1959

MINISTRY OF HEALTH
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BOROUGH OF BARNSTAPLE

- PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT -

The Castle,

BARNSTAPLE.

July, 1960.

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Borough of Barnstaple.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Administration of the Borough for the Year 1959.

Your obedient servant,

E. WILLIAMS,

M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.
Medical Officer of Health.

STAFF

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The Staff of the Public Health Department consists of :-

Part-time Officers -

F. J. H. MARTIN, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.,
Medical Officer of Health
(to 30th September, 1959)

E. WILLIAMS, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.,
Medical Officer of Health
(from 1st October, 1959)

Whole-time Officers -

W. RODGERS, M.A.P.H.I.,
Chief Public Health Inspector

F. V. PYE, M.A.P.H.I.,
Additional Public Health Inspector

MISS E. M. FENNELL — Clerk

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA -

Area in acres	2,396
Population (Registrar-General's Mid-Year Estimate) ...	15,520
Inhabited Houses (as at 1.4.1960)	4,829
Rateable Value (as at 1.4.1960)	£277,981
Sum represented by a Penny Rate (Yr. 1959/60 Estimate)	£1,118

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT -

I am obliged to the Barnstaple Meteorological Station at The North Devon Athenaeum for the following information :-

Barometer : Highest reading 30.8 inches on 15th, 16th & 17th Feb.
Lowest " 28.8 " " 7th December.

Temperature : Maximum 83° on 24th July,
Minimum 21° on 16th & 17th January,
Mean for the Year 51.8°.

Rainfall : 36.74 inches.
Average for preceding 10 years 34.38 inches.
Number of days on which .01 inches or more of rain fell : 161.

VITAL STATISTICS -

Live Births -	
Number	281
Rate per 1,000 population	18.10
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of Total Live Births	4.27%
Stillbirths -	
Number	6
Rate per 1,000 Total Live & Still Births	20.90
Total Live and Still Births	287
Infant Deaths (Deaths under 1 Year)	6
Infant Mortality Rates -	
Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 Total Live Births ..	21.35
Legit. " " " " Legit. " "	22.30
Illeg. " " " " Illeg. " "	Nil

Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 Total Live Births) ...	17.79
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 Total Live Births) ...	14.23
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbirths, and Deaths under 1 week combined, per) 1,000 Total Live & Still Births) ...	34.84
Maternal Mortality (including abortion) -	
Number of Deaths	NIL
Rate per 1,000 Total Live & Still Births ...	NIL
Deaths	214
Death Rate per 1,000 Population	13.78

The table appended below shows figures for Barnstaple Borough compared with those for England & Wales, the local figures having been corrected by the Area Comparability Factors :-

	Barnstaple	England & Wales
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population	18.64	16.5
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births	20.90	20.7
Death Rate per 1,000 Population	11.29	11.6
Deaths of Infants under 1 Year, per 1,000 Live Births	17.50	22.0

LOCAL DEATHS OVER 65 YEARS OF AGE -

65-69	70-74	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95+	Total
25	21	51	34	20	13	2	166

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1959

	M	F	Total
Tuberculosis - Respiratory	1	-	1
" - Other	-	-	-
Syphilitic Disease	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases ...	-	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	5	2	7
" " - Lung, Bronchus ...	4	1	5
" " - Breast	-	5	5
" " - Uterus	-	2	2
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms ...	8	8	16
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	1	-	1
Diabetes	1	-	1
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	11	16	27
Coronary Disease, Angina	14	9	23
Hypertension with Heart Disease	7	1	8
Other Heart Disease	18	35	53
Other Circulatory Disease	6	4	10
Influenza	1	8	9
Pneumonia	1	5	6
Bronchitis	4	-	4
Other Diseases of Respiratory System ...	1	2	3
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	2	-	2
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	1	-	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis...	-	-	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate...	1	-	1
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	-	-
Congenital Malformations	2	-	2
Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases ...	11	6	17
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1	2
All Other Accidents	4	-	4
Suicide	1	3	4
Homicide and Operations of War	-	-	-
TOTAL	106	108	214

The following two tables show cases of TUBERCULOSIS notified during the year, and the deaths from this disease.

Sexes are shown separately.

NEW CASES						
Age Groups	Pulmonary		Meninges & C.N.S.		Other	
	M	F	M	F	M	F
1 - 4 yrs.	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 9 "	1	-	-	-	-	-
10 - 14 "	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 19 "	1	1	-	-	-	-
20 - 24 "	-	1	-	-	-	-
25 - 34 "	1	1	-	-	-	-
35 - 44 "	2	2	-	-	-	-
45 - 54 "	1	-	-	-	-	1
55 - 64 "	1	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	1	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ...	8	5	Nil	Nil	Nil	1

DEATHS				
Age Groups	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-
1 - 4 yrs.	-	-	-	-
5 - 9 "	-	-	-	-
10 - 14 "	-	-	-	-
15 - 19 "	-	-	-	-
20 - 24 "	-	-	-	-
25 - 34 "	-	-	-	-
35 - 44 "	-	-	-	-
45 - 54 "	-	-	-	-
55 - 64 "	-	-	-	-
65 and over	1	-	-	-
TOTAL ...	1	Nil	Nil	Nil

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED (EXCLUDING TUBERCULOSIS)

Age Groups	Diphtheria	Dysentery Sonné	Measles	Pneumonia	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough
Under 1 yr.	-	-	8	-	-	-	-
1 +	-	1	26	-	-	2	3
2 +	-	1	30	-	-	-	4
3 +	-	-	36	-	-	1	1
4 +	-	-	32	-	-	-	1
5 - 9 yrs.	-	-	147	2	-	2	2
10 - 14 "	-	-	5	-	-	-	-
15 - 19 "	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
20 - 34 "	-	-	2	1	1	-	-
35 - 44 "	-	-	-	2	1	-	-
45 - 64 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ...	Nil *	2 +	289	8	2 ✱	5 "	11

* Diphtheria : Fourteenth consecutive year.

\+ Dysentery Sonné : Both cases in same household.

✱ Puerperal Pyrexia : 1 case at "Highfield" Maternity Home (local)
1 case at N.D. Infirmary (from outside area)

" Scarlet Fever : All isolated at home.

N.B. There were no cases of FOOD POISONING notified during the year.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

TUBERCULOSIS -

Hawley Hospital, situated in the Borough, has 28 beds.

MATERNITY CASES -

At the North Devon Infirmary there is a ward of 14 beds, with a fully-qualified staff available for cases of doubt or difficulty.

At Bicclescombe Hospital, Ilfracombe, there are 10 beds for Maternity and Ante-natal patients.

There are also 4 beds at Braunton Nursing Home.

(N.B. During 1959, 7 Barnstaple births took place at Bicclescombe Hospital, Ilfracombe).

A General Practitioners' Maternity Unit of 13 beds is situated at "Highfield", Victoria Road, Barnstaple.

ISOLATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES -

There is an Infectious Diseases Isolation Hospital at Bideford - the Kingsley Hospital - which serves Barnstaple as well as other Local Authorities in North Devon.

SMALLPOX -

The Smallpox Hospital, to which any cases of Smallpox will be sent, is Upton Pine Hospital, near Exeter. Special ambulance transport can be obtained by contacting the Isolation Hospital, Whipton, Exeter; Telephone : Exeter 67158.

DISINFECTION -

By local arrangement, the steam disinfection apparatus at Bicclescombe Hospital, Ilfracombe, is available if required.

GENERAL -

The North Devon Infirmary, situated in Barnstaple, serves the area, and provides modern medical and surgical treatment for the residents of the district.

Two wards at the Alexandra Hospital, Barnstaple, are now set aside as an Annexe to the North Devon Infirmary, and post-operative and recovery patients are transferred there as soon as possible.

There are 101 beds for the chronic sick at the Alexandra Hospital.

At Braunton Nursing Home there are 4 beds for sick persons.

LABORATORY -

The main Laboratory is situated at Bradninch Place, Gandy Street, Exeter, and Dr. B. Moore is the Director. It is completely installed with the necessary equipment for bacteriological examinations of all kinds. Its diagnostic and consultative services are available for all Doctors.

Bacteriological examinations of drinking water and milk are also carried out.

There is also a Pathological Laboratory at 75 Boutport Street, Barnstaple, with a full-time Pathologist and Technical Staff to meet the needs of the whole North Devon area. The Blood Bank is also situated at this Laboratory.

CLINICS AND TREATMENT CENTRES -

V.D. Clinic : This is held at the North Devon Infirmary, Glossop Annexe :-

Sessions

Males	(Mondays,	5.15 p.m.	Females	(Mondays,	4.00 p.m.
	(Thursdays,	5.45 p.m.		(Thursdays,	4.30 p.m.

Chest Clinic is held at the North Devon Infirmary, Glossop Annexe :-

Sessions

Tuesdays	9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.	Clinic & X-Ray Examinations
Thursdays	9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.	
Fridays	9 a.m. - 1 p.m. 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.	A.P. Refills

AMBULANCE SERVICES -

Under Section 27 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, the Local Health Authority (i.e. the Devon County Council) is responsible for the provision of an Ambulance Service, and the Devon Health Committee have arranged for this to be provided through the agency of the St. John Ambulance Association. The Brigade serves the Borough and the district around, and the Headquarters are in Commercial Road, Barnstaple. The staff consists of three paid members (full-time), 20 men volunteers, and 14 volunteer nurses.

The Hospital Car Service, also under the Devon County Council, is available upon application to the Hospital by the Doctor concerned, and the Ambulance Service is empowered to hire cars in urgent cases when the Ambulance is not necessary.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOMES -

There are 2 District Nurses and 3 District Nurse/Midwives practising in the Borough.

HOME HELPS SCHEME -

This scheme, run by Mrs. M. Hughes for the W.V.S., operates for Barnstaple, and also for all the rural areas wherever transport is available.

There are now 72 Home Helps, as compared with 64 in 1958.

499 cases were dealt with in 1959, as compared with 455 in 1958. Of these, at least 65 old people are being cared for, who, but for the services of the Home Help, would have to be cared for in hospital. There are now 20 blind people who are being looked after by Home Helps, and there were 28 maternity cases during the year 1959 which the Home Helps attended.

Any case recommended by a Doctor, Health Visitor, District Nurse, or Hospital Almoner, can have the services of a Home Help.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION and SMALLPOX VACCINATION -

It is no longer possible to give details of Immunization and Vaccination carried out during the year, as records are held by the Devon County Medical Department, but these will appear in the County Council's Annual Health Report.

N.B. For the FOURTEENTH consecutive year no cases of Diphtheria were notified.

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REPORT OF CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Public Health Department,
The Castle,
BARNSTAPLE.

July, 1960.

To : His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen & Councillors
of the Borough of Barnstaple.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I beg to submit a Report on the work of your Public Health Inspectors, for the Year 1959.

This year saw the retirement of Dr. F.J.H. Martin, after 21 years as your Medical Officer of Health. His last years in office saw the beginning of the largest scheme of Slum Clearance in the County, and he retired after seeing the demolition of some of the worst unfit houses in the Borough. All in the Public Health Department are grateful for his kindness and co-operation.

As for some years past, there was again a heavy emphasis on Housing and on Meat Inspection. The programme for ridding the district of its worn-out, unfit houses continued. The Public Abattoir was used on such a scale that the previous record of annual throughput was exceeded by almost one-third.

(1) HOUSING ACTS and PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS -

583 premises were visited, and 518 re-visits were made as a result of action taken.

For the fourth successive year, a Public Inquiry was held into the Council's proposals to acquire and demolish areas of unfit houses. This Inquiry involved three such areas - in Derby, in Newport, and in the Belle Meadow district - a total of 176 houses considered to be unfit.

In addition, 4 individual houses were the subjects of representation as being unfit, and Demolition Orders were made in respect of them.

101 unfit houses were demolished during the year, in a further phase of the programme begun in 1955 to secure the demolition of upwards of 650 insanitary dwellings.

No Statutory Notices were served during the year.

Houses built during the year were :-

By Local Authority	...	48
By Private Enterprise	...	18

(2) REFUSE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL -

3 vehicles, with a complement of 9 men, continued to collect all house and trade refuse of the Borough and convey it to the Refuse Tip, where its disposal is controlled by a tracked vehicle, the acquisition of which has been amply justified.

The changed content of house refuse calls more each year for a larger-bodied vehicle capable of packing or compressing its load at intervals. It is estimated that such a vehicle could cut out at least 3 trips daily to the Refuse Tip, a most important factor when traffic conditions worsen every year (and an appreciable fuel saving is obvious).

(3) SALVAGE -

The following table shows the quantities of materials salvaged, together with their value :-

		tons	cwts	qrs.	lbs.	£.	s.	d.
Paper	...	21	2	1	14	72.	1.	5
Scrap Metal	...	2	2	3	8	22.	1.	6
Textiles	...		19	3	13	11.	17.	5
Total	...	24	5	0	7	£106.	0.	4

(4) MEAT INSPECTION -

In the year 73,158 animals were slaughtered and inspected at the Public Abattoir, a greater number by 16,000 than in any previous year. The amount of meat so produced would cater for a town of 140,000 population.

There are no Private Slaughterhouses now licensed in the Borough.

21 Licences were issued to Slaughtermen.

Animals slaughtered and inspected were as follows :-

Beasts	3,976
Calves	1,103
Sheep	50,893
Pigs	17,186
	73,158

Meat condemned as unfit for human consumption :-

56 tons 3 cwts. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.

Whole carcases condemned include the following :-

Beasts	77
Calves	34
Sheep	1,265
Pigs	22
	1,398

The following table is in the form prescribed by the Ministry, for Annual Reports :-

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle excl. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horse
Number killed	2,891	1,085	1,103	50,893	17,186	Nil
Number inspected	2,891	1,085	1,103	50,893	17,186	Nil
ALL DISEASES EXCPT. TUBERCULOSIS & CYSTICERCI - Whole Carcases condemned	9	60	34	1,265	20	Nil
Carcase of which some part or organ condemned	1,438	809	1	5,867	113	Nil
% of number insp. affected with disease other than T.B. & Cysticerci	50.0%	80.0%	3.1%	14.0%	0.7%	Nil
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY - Whole Carcases condemned	3	5	Nil	Nil	2	Nil
Carcase of which some part or organ condemned	36	110	3	Nil	376	Nil
% of number insp. affected with T.B.	1.3%	10.5%	0.2%	Nil	2.1%	Nil
CYSTICERCOSIS - Carcase of which some part or organ condemned	34	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ...	34	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalised and totally condemned	1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

There was a further decrease: 10.5% against 16.6% in the percentage of Cows found to be tuberculous in any degree. This has so progressed over recent years that what was regarded as commonplace is now the subject of a special report.

Examinations for Cysticercus Bovis (the embryo form of a tapeworm infesting man) continued, and 35 cases were found, a decrease of 2 on the previous year. The incidence of infection was .88% against .89% in 1958. Instances of Generalised Cysticerci are very rare, but one such was found this year, the carcase of a heifer being so impregnated with cysts as to warrant total condemnation.

(5) FOOD PREMISES -

(a) The Devon County Council is the Food & Drugs Authority, but the sampling provisions are exercised locally in cases of emergency or special interest.

The County Council instituted proceedings after complaint that a metal screw had been found in a loaf of bread, baked in the Borough. A fine of £15 and 3 guineas costs was imposed by the Magistrates.

(b) The following is a list of Food Premises * in the Borough :-

Bread & Cakes	16
Cafes & Restaurants	20
Cooked Meats, etc.	3
Dairies	18
Fish (wet)	6
Fish & Chips	9
Fruit & Vegetables	24
Groceries & General Provisions ...	66
Ice Cream	1
Meat	30
Mineral Water Factories	2
Public Houses & Hotels	43
Sweets & Confectionery	110
Wines & Spirits (Off-Licences) ...	4
	352

* N.B. Where, as often applies, a food shop deals in more than one of the aforesaid commodities, the premises have been classified according to the predominating type of business.

(c) 141 premises are registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955, viz. 48 for the Preparation of Processed Foods, and 93 for the Sale of Ice Cream.

(d) 102 inspections of Registered Food Premises were carried out during the year, and 2,110 visits were made to all types of food premises. The general standard of cleanliness and food hygien was very good.

(e) 9 samples of Ice Cream were taken for bacteriological examination during the year. It will be noted from the following table that every one of these attained Grade I.

Producer Number	Grade I	Grade II	Grade III	Grade IV	Total
1.	3	-	-	-	3
2.	3	-	-	-	3
3.	3	-	-	-	3
	9	-	-	-	9

(f) Food inspected and surrendered as unfit for human consumption was as follows :-

TINNED FOOD

Chicken (whole)	...	3 tin(s)	)
Coffee	...	68 "	)
Eggs (frozen)	...	6 "	)
Fish	...	129 "	)
Fruit	...	1,126 "	)
Fruit Juice	...	35 "	)
Meat	...	339 "	)
Milk	...	93 "	)
Milk Puddings	...	11 "	)
Spaghetti	...	4 "	)
Preserves	...	56 "	)
Soups	...	94 "	)
Stew	...	7 "	)
Macaroon Paste	...	8 "	)
Tomato Paste	...	8 "	)
Syrup (Golden)	...	3 "	)
Vegetables	...	287 "	)
"Whip"	...	1 "	)

2,278 tins

weight

4,150 lbs. 0¼ oz.

OTHER FOODS

Bacon	...	...	4	lbs.	8 oz.
Cake	...	...	25	"	0 "
Carrots - raw (40 bags)	...	...	2,240	"	0 "
Cheese	...	...	85	"	8 "
Coconut Fudge (3 boxes)	...	...	21	"	0 "
Dried Fruit	...	...	77	"	0 "
Fish (wet)	...	...	112	"	0 "
Glacé Cherries (24 packets)		...	6	"	0 "
Jam (31 jars)	...	...	31	"	0 "
Lemon & Orange Crystals (102 jars)			12	"	12 "
Meat (Butchers' Shops)	...	...	66	"	4 "
Meat (opened tins)	...	...	48	"	4 "
Pickled Cucumbers (1 barrel)		...	30	"	0 "
Sausages	...	...	39	"	0 "
Suet (18 packets)	...	...	9	"	0 "
			2,807	lbs.	4 oz.

(6) MILK & DAIRIES -

Under the Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949, the Borough Public Health Department is responsible for the following administrative duties :-

(a) The sanitary conditions of the distributive trade, other than Producer-Retailers;

(b) Control by Licence of the sale of milk bearing Special Designations;

(c) Provision with regard to the infection of milk from human infectious diseases and from certain diseases of bovine origin;

(d) The prevention of the sale of milk from animals infected by tuberculosis and other specified conditions.

The number of Dairies in the Borough, registered under the Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949 - 1954, is 18.

All milk retailed in the Borough is now either Tuberculin-tested or Heat-treated (i.e. Pasteurised or Sterilised), and the following Licences were issued to sell milk under such designations

Tuberculin-tested	...	8
Pasteurised	...	12
Sterilised	...	3

24 samples of milk were submitted to the County Public Health Laboratory for the detection of tubercle: all were negative

(7) WATER SUPPLIES -

The mains water supply for the Borough of Barnstaple is satisfactory both as regards quantity and quality.

The Department receives weekly reports on samples submitted by the North Devon Water Board for bacteriological examination. No unsatisfactory report was received during the year.

5 samples were taken from a bore pump on a proposed building site. The first 3 showed evidence of gross pollution, and were declared by the County Bacteriologist to be "unfit for drinking in the raw state". The last 2 samples were taken after the bore had been treated, and were found to be very satisfactory, being equivalent in standard to a Class I piped supply.

(8) INFECTIOUS DISEASES and DISINFECTIONS -

(a) Investigations made concerning Infectious Diseases (cases and contacts) :-

Dysentery Sonné	...	7
Food Poisoning	...	1
Scarlet Fever	...	5
Tuberculosis	...	1
		14

(b) Disinfections carried out :-

Cancer (deaths)	...	2
Scarlet Fever (Library Books)	...	2
General (parcel of second-hand clothing to Czechoslovakia)	...	1
		5

(9) RODENT DISINFESTATION -

The part-time services of a semi-retired Pensioner were again sufficient to cope with complaints received under this heading.

(10) FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959 -

The following tables show Inspections, etc. carried out during 1959 :-

(a) INSPECTIONS :

Premises	Number on Register	Inspect-ions	Number of Written Notices	Occupier Prosec.
1. Factories in which S.1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by L.A.	18	54	-	-
2. Factories not incl. in (1) in which S.7 is enforced by L.A.	131	150	-	-
3. Other Premises in which S.7 is enforced by L.A. (excluding Outworkers' premises)	7	-	-	-
TOTAL	156	204	-	-

(b) CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND :

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of case in whic prosecu tions instit[d]
	Found	Reme-died	Referred to H.M. Inspect.	Referred by H.M. Inspect.	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	16	9	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temper-ature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventila-tion (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-

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(b) DEFECTS (continued)

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions instit^d.
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspect.	Referred by H.M. Inspect.	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences - (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or Defec.	5	2	-	2	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other Offences against the Act (not incl. offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	21	11	-	2	-

(c) OUTWORK :

Nature of Work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of Outworkers in Aug. list (S.110, 1c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists	No. of prosecutions for failure to send lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing Apparel (making, etc)	73	-	-	-	-	-
Lace, Lace-curtains, Nets	10	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ...	83	-	-	-	-	-

(11) PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1928 -

The following Storage Licences were granted under the above Act :-

Petroleum Spirit	62
Petroleum Spirit & Carbide of Calcium	2
Petroleum Spirit & Petroleum Mixtures	6
Petroleum Mixtures	7
Petroleum Mixtures & Carbide of Calcium	1
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The quantities stored are as follows :-

Petroleum Spirit	176,536 gallons
Petroleum Mixtures	1,822 "
Carbide of Calcium	816 lbs.

The amount of fees received by the Corporation in respect of the above Licences was £51. 10. 0d.

(12) EXPLOSIVES ACTS, 1875 & 1923 -

The number of Premises Registered for the Storage of Mixed Explosives (fireworks, cartridges, etc.) was 45.

(13) THE FOLLOWING IS A DETAILED LIST OF PUBLIC HEALTH OPERATIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR 1959

Nature of Works Done	Public Health Acts	Housing Acts	Food & Drugs Act	Factories Acts
New sets of house drains laid	1	-	-	-
Drains repaired	15	-	-	-
Drains cleared	22	-	-	-
Smoke and Water Tests applied	2	-	-	-
New soil pipes fixed	6	-	-	-
New vent pipes provided	3	-	-	-
New inspection chambers built	9	-	-	1
New interceptors fixed	1	-	-	-
New gullies fixed	7	-	-	2
Additional W.Cs. provided	1	-	-	2
New W.C. pans provided	11	-	-	2
W.Cs. repaired	1	-	-	-
New flushing cisterns provided	-	-	-	2
Flushing cisterns repaired	3	-	-	-
Dampness remedied	-	-	-	3
Plaster repaired (internal)	1	-	-	-
Sink waste pipes fixed	3	-	-	-
Doors cleansed	-	-	3	-
Rooms cleansed	-	-	22	12
Food protected from contamination)	-	-	10	-
Offensive accumulations removed	-	-	2	-
Bins provided	11	-	-	-
Means of Escape in Case of Fire) improved)	-	-	-	1
Premises where nuisances abated	75	-	-	-
Vermin and other pests eradicated)	58	-	-	-
Houses demolished	-	101	-	-
Houses closed	-	7	-	-

(14) SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS, ETC.

Total visits made	4,225
Houses inspected - Public Health Acts ...	488
" " - P.H.A. (re-visits) ...	243
" " - Housing Acts	95
" " - " " (re-visits)	275
Visits to Slaughterhouse	1,600
Butchers' Shops	27
Food Preparing Premises	106
Other Food Shops	287
Bakehouses	27
Milk Vehicles (including sampling) ...	12
Dairies	33
Ice Cream Premises	18
Shops Act	5
Factories	204
Rodent Control	43
Refuse Tip	301
Petroleum Storage	18
Infectious Diseases Investigation ...	14
Miscellaneous Letters written	72
Statutory Notices	NIL
Informal Notices - Public Health Act) ...	148
" " - P.H.A. (secondary) ...	16
Verbal Notices	42

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I am grateful to all members of the Council and to officials and staff of other Departments for their courtesy and co-operation. It has become a yearly function, not staled by custom, to thank Mr. Pye and Miss Fennell especially for their loyal and conscientious application to all their duties.

Your obedient servant,

W. RODGERS,

Chief Public Health Inspector.